APPENDIX A

Virginia Acts of Assembly, 1966,

Chapter 524

Whereas, Malcolm L. Crouch of Madison Heights, Amherst County, Virginia, age thirty-five, the husband of Loretta Jewell Ramsey Crouch, father of three small children, and a foreman at the Glamorgan Pipe and Foundry Company, Lynchburg, did on April eighteen, nineteen hundred sixty-four, report to Forest Fire Warden John P. McFaden at a forest fire near Joshua Falls in Amherst County and, following instructions from Forest Fire Warden McFaden, assisted in constructing a forest fire control line; and

Whereas, due to a sudden shift in wind direction in rough, rugged mountain terrain, a wall of head fire bore down on the fire crew while working to control the fire, making it necessary for them to run for their lives; and

Whereas, Malcolm L. Crouch was caught in the flames, causing second and third degree burns on most of his body which critically injured him and confined him to the Lynchburg General Hospital, where despite the best of medical attention, he died on June four, nineteen hundred sixty-four; and

Whereas, the untimely death of husband and father has left the widow and three small children dependent upon twelve dollars per week over three hundred weeks from Workmen's Compensation Insurance, and Social Security; now, therefore

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:
1. § 1. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund of the State treasury the sum of twenty thousand dollars to be paid by check issued by the State Treasurer on a warrant of the Comptroller as provided by law, payable to the First and Merchants National Bank of Lynchburg, Virginia, for the purpose of establishing a trust fund from which a payment of two hundred dollars shall be made monthly, so long as trust funds are available to Loretta Jewell Ramsey Crouch, widow of Malcolm L. Crouch, for the joint and equal use of herself and the infant dependents, Gary Lee Crouch born April six, nineteen hundred fifty-two, Mark Arnold Crouch born December twenty-seven, nineteen hundred fifty-four and Malcolm Vincent Crouch born May twenty-two, nineteen hundred sixty, unless, in the opinion of the Trust Officer of the First and Merchants National Bank of Lynchburg, Virginia, changed conditions require a modification of the monthly payment in order to fulfill the intent of this appropriation, in which circumstance authorization is herein and hereby granted to the aforesaid Trust Officer to put into effect such modification of monthly payment as, in his opinion, is necessary, fair and just.

The State Treasurer is directed to issue such check only upon execution by Loretta Jewell Ramsey Crouch, on behalf of herself and her minor children, of a release of all claims they may have against the Commonwealth or any employee thereof in connection with the death of Malcolm L. Crouch.